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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: ITEM NO. 18--MARINE QUESTIONS

1. THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE APPROVED A RESOLUTION ON THE USES OF THE SEA AND COASTAL AREA DEVELOPMENT JULY 20. THE RESULT OF THE VOTE, REQUESTED BY THE USSR, WAS 38 (US) -0 -5 (EES AND COLOMBIA). THE USSR EXPLAINED THAT IT HAD ABSTAINED SINCE IT BELIEVED THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE LAW OF THE SEA WHERE ALL STATES ARE PRESENT.

2. IN THE COURSE OF THE DEBATE PRECEDING ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, THE US DELEGATION SPOKE ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED IN THE POSITION PAPER, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON OUR OBJECTION TO THE OBSERVATION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT E/5650 THAT "SOME OF THE WORLD'S OFF-SHORE AREAS...ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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CLOSED TO EXPLORATION..." THE SECRETARIAT SUBSEQUENTLY

REPLIED TO THE EFFECT THAT THE REFERENCES CONCERNING
THE US IN PARA 31 OF THE REPORT HAD BEEN OVERDRAWN.

3. THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION IS QUOTED BELOW.

4. QUOTE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING RESOLUTION 1537 (XLIX) OF 27 JULY 1970, AND RESOLUTION
1802 (LV) OF 7 AUGUST 1973, IN WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WAS
REQUESTED TO REPORT REGULARLY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USES OF THE SEA,
TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY ON THE PROBLEMS
OF COASTAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AND TO SUBMIT, INTER ALIA, PROPOSALS
FOR POSSIBLE APPROPRIATE ACTION AT THE REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL
LEVELS,

RECOGNIZING THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF MARINE RESOURCES AND USES
OF THE SEA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND WELL-BEING OF NATIONS AND THE
NEED FOR REGULAR INFORMATION ABOUT MAJOR TRENDS AND ADVANCES IN
THIS FIELD,
BEARING IN MIND THAT ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE USES OF THE SEA
AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL AREAS SHOULD NOT PREJUDGE THE OUTCOME
OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA,

MINDFUL OF THE CLOSE INTERRELATIONSHIP AMONG THE ACTIVITIES TAKING
PLACE IN COASTAL AREAS AND OF THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED
APPROACH DESIGNED TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM
THE RESOURCES AND THE USES OF THESE AREAS WHILE PRESERVING THE
COASTAL ENVIRONMENT, IN PARTICULAR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE
ECOLOGICAL BALANCE,

NOTING WITH APPROVAL THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP
OF EXPERTS ON COASTAL AREA DEVELOPMENT (AS SUMMARIZED IN DOCUMENT
E/5648, ANNEX) CONVENED AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS TO ASSIST
IN THE PREPARATION OF OUTLINE PROGRAMMES FOR THE INTEGRATED DEVELOP-
MENT OF COASTAL AREAS IN SELECTED REGIONS,

1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE STUDIES PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE COMPETENT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ON THE "USES OF THE SEA" (E/5650 AND CORR. 1)
AND "COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT" (E/5648);

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2. ENDORSES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES IN
THE FIELD OF COASTAL AREA DEVELOPMENT, AS OUTLINED IN SUB-PARA-
GRAPHS (A) (B) AND (C) OF PARAGRAPH 56 OF DOCUMENT E/5648;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL, ON
A REGULAR AND CONTINUING BASIS, PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE
USES OF THE SEA;

4. REQUESTS THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND THE OTHER UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED WITH MARINE AFFAIRS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ELABORATION OF FURTHER STUDIES BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MARINE QUESTIONS;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE COMPETENT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFICATION OF VARIOUS REGIONS OR SUB-REGIONS SPECIALLY AMENABLE TO COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, PAYING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT SOME REGIONS HAVE NOT BEEN THE SUBJECT OF IN-DEPTH STUDY TO DATE, AND IN THIS CONNEXION, AT THE REQUEST OF GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, TO ASSIST IN THE ELABORATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF ACTION FOR SUCH AN APPROACH, DRAWING FOR THIS PURPOSE UPON THE EXPERTISE OF APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES;

6. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE PROMOTION OF A BETTER AND WIDER APPLICATION OF MARINE

TECHNOLOGY SUITABLE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR ENDEAVOURS RELATING TO COASTAL AREAS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE IN THE MATTER OF TRAINING, INSTITUTION BUILDING AND THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLANTATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY;

7. REQUESTS THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM CONCERNED AND ALSO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMMES FOR COASTAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AS A JOINT ENDEAVOUR AND TO DEVELOP FURTHER THEIR EXISTING CLOSE COLLABORATION, USING WHENEVER APPROPRIATE ESTABLISHED MECHANISMS OF CO-ORDINATION;

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8. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION ON PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS RESOLUTION.
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